

NATO Gives Ike One-Uniform Army

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 22—(AP)—The Atlantic Allies agreed unanimously today to give Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower a one-uniform European army including German troops to bolster Western defenses.

In a triumphant mood, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson told a news conference the historic decisions open "a new day in Europe."

"Today we have taken a great step," he said.

Hailed as a major U.S. diplomatic victory and a triumph for Eisenhower's drive for European unity, the plan was voted by the 14 foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in a full council meeting with the defense and finance ministers of the member nations. Only the foreign ministers vote in the council.

NATO approval paves the way for pooling the land, sea and air forces of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg into a European defense community closely connected with NATO.

After such a plan is drafted and signed in treaty form, it must go through the torturous process of ratification by each of the six governments before actual recruiting for the army begins.

The NATO ministers also agreed that, as soon as the proposed European army of some two million men is formed, they will sign a protocol to the Atlantic treaty pledging to rush to the aid of West Germany or any other EDC member in case of an attack. Such a protocol indirectly will give West Germany a connection with NATO, although she will not be a member.

The decision highlighted an eventful day in which the United States, in a separate meeting, agreed tentatively to pry loose from funds already appropriated by Congress and from weapons stockpiles additional help for France's rearmament.

A Senior U.S. official said this aid would be worth "in the range of 500 million dollars." He declared inaccurate earlier reports that the sum amounted to 597 million dollars.

No Comment On McCrary Charge-Taft

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—(AP)—Commentator Tex McCrary, who engaged Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) in one of television's sharpest verbal flareups, challenged the senator tonight to a new air meeting.

Taft, in Barre, Vt., on a speaking tour, declined comment.

McCrary insisted that there be no studio audience another time. He said the audience last night was packed with an "organized clique or Taft teen-agers."

Sparks flew during the program when Taft, candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, accused McCrary of calling him a liar.

Punctured by Cheers and Boos. McCrary denied it and said he only had commented that Taft was "careless with the truth" in his book, "A Foreign Policy for Americans."

The argument developed on the "Author Meets the Critic" program on the DuMont network. It was punctuated by audience cheers and boos.

The critics were newspaper columnist George Sokolsky, friendly to the book, and McCrary, who opposed it. McCrary was a co-sponsor of the recent Madison Square Garden rally for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Careless With Truth. McCrary, also a former New York Daily Mirror editorial writer and once executive editor of the American Mercury magazine, said early in the program:

"Now, because Taft is desperate and because he wants to be president, he has been careless with the truth in this book.

"He has even deliberately distorted the truth . . . and all this he has done to make you believe he is an expert on foreign affairs."

Illustrating his contention, McCrary said the senator was wrong in writing that President Truman had not conferred with Congress on the Korean war for weeks after its outbreak.

Duff Fixes Blame For GOP Defeats

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22—(AP)—Senator Duff (R-Pa.) tonight blamed "Old Guard Republican regulars and professionals" for GOP defeats in the last five presidential elections.

Duff, a backer of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, told an Eisenhower rally that "the rank and file of the Republican party must not underestimate the capacity of certain technical Republican old guard professionals to lead the party down the drain again, even in the face of the most favorable opportunities for victory."

"For my part, I am sick and tired of seeing defeat snatched from the jaws of victory," Duff said in a prepared speech.

"The vitally important question is: Will Republican leaders prove wise enough to translate this golden opportunity into a Republican victory in November.

Beta National President To Speak at Banquets

A. J. G. Priest, national president of Beta Theta Pi, will be guest speaker at the fraternity's initiation banquet tomorrow night.

Priest will also be guest speaker at a United World Federalists banquet tonight at the State College Hotel.

ROK Men, Navy Stop Red Attack

SEOUL, Feb. 23—(AP)—South Korean Marines, with a powerful assist from the Navy, have crushed a Communist attempt to seize a strategic island high up the east coast of North Korea.

Allied announcements indicate the Reds lost as many as 53 Sampans in two days of fighting in the icy waters around Yang Island, 16 miles northeast of the Red port of Songjin and 125 miles south of the Siberian frontier.

The South Korean Navy said the battle broke out at 1 a.m. Wednesday and raged for 33 hours before beaten survivors of Communist force of possibly 1000 troops fled back to the coast from the island.

While U.S. Navy communiques made no mention of the attempted invasion of Yang, they reported that destroyers and carrier planes sank 40 Sampans north of Songjin Wednesday and Thursday. Another 25 Sampans were damaged by carrier planes.

The South Korean Navy reported the Communist invaders in 20 Sampans made a lodgement on Yang Wednesday morning, although 13 Sampans were sunk by the island garrison of South Korean marines.

The South Korean account did not mention U.S. or Allied naval operations.

However, a U.S. Navy communique located a brisk surface action in the same area at the same time. It said that in Wednesday's early-morning darkness, the U.S. Destroyer Shelton, the destroyer-minesweeper Endicott and the New Zealand frigate Taupo sailed into the middle of a Sampan fleet north of Songjin.

The warships opened up with all guns. The Navy said 15 Sampans were sunk, others were damaged, and the remainder were driven ashore.

At the height of this battle, Communist shore guns opened up, trying to protect the small Communist craft. The warships quickly silenced these guns.

Leonard Representative At Railway Meeting

Dr. William Leonard, head of the Department of Economics and Commerce, represented the public on the board of directors of the Federation for Railway Progress at a meeting Thursday in Harrisburg.

The federation consists of railroad management, suppliers, investors, and the public.

House Starts Justice Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—A special House committee started its probe of the Justice department today by demanding a "tremendous" stack of records on the department's prosecuting activities in the last six years.

The idea of the virtual dragnet was to determine whether there have been "unreasonable delays or failures" in pushing cases against wrongdoers.

The committee called for a complete list of cases in which prosecution was recommended by other government agencies but which have not yet been pressed to a conclusion.

"No doubt a tremendous list of cases will be involved—I'd say thousands," Rep. Chelf (D-Ky.) said. Chelf is chairman of a seven-man judiciary subcommittee set up to investigate the Justice department and its head, Attorney General McGrath.

Red Press Using Rose Lenses

MOSCOW, Feb. 22—(AP)—The Soviet press is highly optimistic about world affairs these days. There has hardly been a time when Russia's newspapers and their leading writers seemed more sure that time is on the side of the USSR and the nations allied with her.

First, there is the Atlantic Alliance. The Russian press sees that as slowly falling apart.

Then there is inflation in the United States, an approaching crisis, corruption in government and confusion in leadership, the press says.

England is seen beset by enormous economic difficulties and a growing realization of rising British-American conflicts.

The view is that the northern countries—Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark—are awaken-

this does not happen. ing to the situation and it is only a question of time before they take a neutral position between the two big world camps. In this process, the Soviets think Norway and Denmark will quit the Atlantic pact.

One of the most encouraging developments in the world, as seen by the Soviet press, is what it calls the irresistible independence movement in North Africa, Iran, Iraq, Indochina, Indonesia, Malaya, Burma, and even Spain and several countries of Central and South America.

Soviet commentators are professing great encouragement at the results of India's first national elections in which Communists won many seats in the central and state legislatures.

Communists Blamed In Koje Prison Riot

PUSAN, Korea, Feb. 23—(AP)—South Korean officials today blamed a bloody Koje prison camp riot on a tough core of Communists who defiantly flew the North Korean flag over their compound.

Three investigations were being made of Monday's violence which left 69 Korean civilian prisoners and one U.S. soldier guard dead and 142 other prisoners and 23 soldier guards wounded.

The U.S. Eighth Army sent a seven-officer board to Koje, a small island off the south coast 27 miles southwest of Pusan.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, also sent Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, his deputy chief of staff, to make a personal inquiry.

'Wolfhounds' Involved

The Republic of Korea made a third investigation.

Involved in the fighting were 1500 interned Korean civilians and 750 veterans troops of the U.S. Army's famed 27th "Wolfhound" regiment.

The Eighth Army said Communists planned and led the attack. It listed an array of crude weapons seized from the rioters as evidence of "careful organization and planning."

Placed in Compound

A South Korean staff officer said 1500 out of 5000 Korean civilians in compound No. 62 caused the trouble. The Communists were in full control there and flew the North Korean flag.

The Communists had been placed in the compound along with other civilian internees whose loyalty was in doubt.

In another compound 100 yards away—separated only by barbed wire—were Koreans believed to be anti-Communist but who had been impressed into service by the Communists and were captured by the Allies.

The officer said Republic of Korea officials entered the latter compound to "screen" prisoners to be freed. The Communists in compound 62 began to yell and jeer.

The U.S. guards moved into the Communist compound in an attempt to quiet the disturbance and were immediately attacked.

Congress Asks Stassen To Present Evidence

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—A Congressional committee today invited Harold E. Stassen to present to it "any credible evidence" he has that Attorney General J. Howard McGrath has become a millionaire during his career as an office holder.

The invitation was telegraphed by Rep. Chelf (D-Ky.), chairman of a House Judiciary subcommittee named to investigate the Justice Department, and Rep. Keating (R-N.Y.), ranking Republican member of that group.

'People Act' to Give Story of Maine Town

"The People Act," a new radio program series with national headquarters in State College, will tell a story of the community of New Sharon, Maine, at 10:05 p.m. Sunday.

The program will dramatize the story of the third burning of the schoolhouse in New Sharon and the rebuilding of it by cooperation of the 761 townspeople.

Japan Plans For Future Red Rioting

TOKYO, Feb. 23—(AP)—The Japanese government today planned stronger police measures to cope with any future Communist riots such as those that swept over Japan Thursday.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida held an urgent cabinet meeting Friday to discuss measures, declaring in a statement that "such riots cannot be tolerated."

After the meeting, Attorney General Tokutaro Kimura told a news conference he would ask Parliament for a law creating a "capital police force" answerable only to the government.

Mobilize All Cities

In wartime, the government controlled all Japanese police, but they were made independent on orders of occupation authorities, who objected to the old setup as a "police state."

It is understood Yoshida also wants the power to mobilize all city and rural police, fire brigades, and coast guard patrols in times of emergency.

Kimura said the special capital police force was needed to defend Tokyo. The force would be in addition to the national police reserve. The latter is a U.S.-trained force of 75,000 men which is considered a sort of national guard.

Police Strike Back

Scores of police were injured in fights with hundreds of rock-throwing Communists Thursday. Thousands of other Reds paraded in anti-American demonstrations in cities throughout Japan and in the country.

Treasury Says Count of Gold 2 to 3 Year Job

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—The treasury says that if anyone wants to make an accurate count of the gold stored at Fort Knox, Ky., as a candidate for Congress has suggested, he can count on spending two or three years at the task.

Something over 12,000 tons of gold are stored in the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox and the Treasury, which has custody of it, says it has counted it all down in the thousandth of an ounce several times. But it doesn't advise a layman to try it.

William C. Cole, former Republican Congressman from Missouri who is campaigning for the nomination again, told a meeting at St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday that if he is elected he will introduce legislation calling for a physical inventory of the gold.

He said he had heard about shortages in government-owned grain, which is privately stored, and added: "I'm beginning to wonder, and so are a lot of other people, if any of that gold has fallen out of the bottom of the vault at Fort Knox."

Marble Trips Woman, Causes House to Burn

PROVO, Utah, Feb. 22—(AP)—Mrs. Opal Leftwich slipped on a marble at her home today.

In falling, she struck and broke a gallon jug of paint lacquer.

The paint flowed into a floor furnace.

The furnace exploded. The house caught fire and was badly damaged.

Mrs. Leftwich was not hurt, except for shock.